

Proposed rules for repeal and amendment of competitive contracting rules defining "displaced employee"

The Department of Enterprise Services is announcing the amendment and repeal of rules regarding competitive contracting.

## **Background**

On September 15, 2009, the Court of Appeals, Division II of the State of Washington affirmed that the Department of General Administration (GA) exceeded its rulemaking authority and invalidated rules defining "displaced employees." Shortly after the court ruling, GA issued a competitive contracting interpretive policy statement and interim guidance pending the consolidation of several state agencies, including GA, into the Department of Enterprise Services (DES).

## **Expedited rulemaking schedule**

- Proposed rules published March 19, 2014
   Proposed rules will be published by the <u>Code Reviser's Office</u> and on our website at <a href="http://www.des.wa.gov/information-about-laws-rules">http://www.des.wa.gov/information-about-laws-rules</a>
- Objection Period March 19, 2014 to May 3, 2014
  Written comments on the proposed rules will be accepted using the our online comment form at <a href="https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/DESRulemaking">https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/DESRulemaking</a>
- Anticipated rule adoption May 6, 2014

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